

South Carolina Bat Week: October 24-31, 2023

Bat Week is an annual, international celebration of the role of bats in nature. #SCBatWeek, #BatWeek

SC Bat Working Group Events

Trick or Treat Trail

Oct 20, 2023 (Fri) from 4:00 – 7:00 PM

**Nature as Teacher Preserve for Education,
247 Chestnut Ferry Rd, Camden SC**

Fun and educational event for local kids and their families that involves walking a trail with booths, each focusing on a local "spooky" animal - animals that are typically portrayed as scary like snakes, bats, spiders, etc. and SCDHEC will have a booth about rabies. Each station will have a quick message, activity or exploration debunking the scary myths, and of course, hand out candy and goodies! There may even be a real life "bigfoot" hiding amongst the trees! Event and parking is FREE, but registration for parking is highly suggested. For more information and a link to parking registration visit: <https://experiencecamdensc.com/event/nature-as-teacher-trick-or-treat-trail/>

Nature at Night

Oct. 20, 2023 (Fri) at 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Sesquicentennial State Park

A family night hike for ages 5 and older. This program includes observing bats in action as they come out to feed at dusk as well as the use of a bat detector to pick up their echolocation.

"Participants will find out what's up when the sun goes down! Look for animal eye shine, listen for nocturnal clamors and calls and try your hand at some of the skills nighttime critters need to survive!"

\$5/participant + regular park admission. Registration required; Registration deadline – one day prior to program. Please call the park or use the link below to register. Spaces are limited. Meeting Place – Park Office. What to Bring – Dress appropriately for outdoors, wear comfortable shoes and bring a flashlight. For more information visit <https://southcarolinaparks.com/products/10002811>

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Bats of the Lowcountry

Oct 26, 2023 (Thurs) from 5:30 – 6:30 PM

**Palmetto Bluff Conservancy Classroom in Moreland Village
or online**

Bats are often portrayed as vile creatures that should be feared- a depiction that fosters revulsion and misunderstanding. Lydia Moore, Research and Education Coordinator for the Palmetto Bluff Conservancy, will discuss the beneficial roles of bats in the Lowcountry. This Bat Week, join us and learn why bats are essential components of ecosystems, threats they are facing, and what you can do to help.

Face masks are welcome. Walk-ins welcome.

If you would rather attend virtually, click on the following link (or copy and paste into your browser) to watch through zoom webinar:

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_NIYmuyNVQLe80-2MWdfMmw

Email info@pbconservancy.org with questions. No registration necessary.

Bat Walk

Oct 26, 2023 (Thurs) from 6:30 – 8:30 PM

Palmetto Bluff Conservancy Classroom in Moreland Village

October 24th to the 31st is international Bat Week! Join the Conservancy as we head to Hog Island Drain to listen for bats using ultrasonic bat detectors! Along the way, we will learn more about these intriguing, flying mammals. Head lamp or flashlight, closed-toed shoes, and long pants required.

Reservations required through: info@pbconservancy.org.

Hanging Out with Rafinesque's Big-Eared Bats

Oct 27, 2023 (Fri) at 1:00 – 1:45 PM

Oct 28, 2023 (Sat) at 1:00 – 1:45 PM

Hampton Plantation State Historic Site

Join us for a talk about the Rafinesque big-eared bats that call Hampton Plantation their home! We'll be showing off some video footage of the colony that lives in the old kitchen building, as well as discussing some facts about bats and how we manage them. No registration necessary. For more information visit:

<https://southcarolinaparks.com/products/10006265>

Annual Halloween Bat Count at Sunrift Oct 27, 2023 (Fri), early evening until dark (times TBD) Sunrift Adventures

1 Center Street, Travelers Rest SC

Sunrift Adventures has bat houses fostering hundreds of beneficial, insect-eating bats that emerge in an impressive display at sunset. Join SCDNR Bat Biologist Jennifer Kindel and the Batman of Travelers Rest, Jon Gillespie, to survey and celebrate these mysterious creatures with a bat talk, bat count, prizes and more! No registration necessary. Exact times TBD, but bat talk will start at 6 pm. See <https://www.dnr.sc.gov/wildlife/bats/index.html> for more details.

Other Fang-tastic information:

Bat Week Art Contest and other Batty Activities
visit: [Bat Week | SCDHEC](#)

More information about National Bat Week:
<https://batweek.org/>

More information about the South Carolina Bat Working Group:
<https://southcarolinabatworkinggroup.org/>



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